

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 15 are currently pending in the application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner alleged that Applicants' Amendment filed on January 22, 2007 introduced new matter into the disclosure. According to the Examiner, the original disclosure does not support the claim terms "first list" and "second list." Applicants respectfully submit that the allegation is without merit.

In particular, claim 1, for example, of the present invention, recites "a training mediation unit allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information . . .," and "allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information," as recited in the claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that support for the first and second lists is presented in FIGs. 9 and 11. For example, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the first list pertains to a similarity comparison between a standard course and a client company course. As illustrated in FIG. 11, the second list pertains to a similarity comparison between a standard course and a training company course. See specification of the present invention, page 31, lines 14-19, and page 32, lines 2-8. As recited in the claims, a user is provided with capability to select from the first list and the second list. Therefore, withdrawal of the new matter objection is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. According to the Examiner, the disclosure teaches the user selecting the highest similarity training overall, not one in-house training and one out-house training. See Office Action, item 2 on pages 2 and 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's allegation is incorrect. The original disclosure of the present invention clearly discloses that the user selects from both client company training and training company training.

For example, the specification clearly states, ". . . the titles of the client company courses provided for the application by an employee on the client company are displayed to an applicant

for training, and the applicants for training select one of the courses.” See specification of the present invention, page 27, lines 1-5. Therefore, the user selects from the client company training. The specification also clearly states, “In this process, the information about the titles and so forth of the training courses having higher similarity levels, etc. is sequentially displayed in order. . . The applicant for training selects any of the displayed courses.” See specification of the present invention, page 28, lines 5-11. Therefore, the user selects from the training company training.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection, as the disclosure clearly and fully supports the claims of the present invention.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,576,954 (Driscoll).

Driscoll is directed to a procedure for determining text relevancy. According to Driscoll, a first embodiment determines common meanings between each word in a query and each word in a document. An adjustment is then made for words in the query that are absent in the documents. Weights are then calculated for both the semantic components in the query and the semantic components in the documents. The weights are then multiplied together, and their products are subsequently added to one another to determine real value number for each document. The documents are then sorted in sequential order according to their real value number from largest to smallest.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 4, 7-12, and 15 are patentable over the references, as Driscoll fails to disclose or suggest:

a training mediation unit allowing the applicant for training to select any of plural pieces of standard training information of a first list having higher first similarity levels to the training application information about the client organization specified by the applicant for training, and allowing the applicant for training to select any of the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization of a second list having higher second similarity levels to the selected standard training information

, as recited in independent claim 1, for example.

As described in claim 1, a first similarity level indicates “a similarity level between one or more pieces of training application information about the client organization and plural pieces of standard training information about the training portal service.” A second similarity level indicates “a similarity level between the plural pieces of standard training information and the plural pieces of training reception information about the training organization.”

In the present invention, Applicants to training can select appropriate training courses utilizing standard training information, as the present invention includes a training mediation unit which controls training reception from training applicant to the training organization to meet the required needs of client organization and training organization.

In contrast, there is no description in Driscoll that corresponds to "standard training information" utilized in a similarity level comparison. Driscoll only provides "a" similarity coefficient. See Driscoll, Figure 2, element 550. See also Driscoll, column 5, lines 56-58. Moreover, in contrast to the present invention in which two lists are provided, Driscoll only provides a single list of ranked documents.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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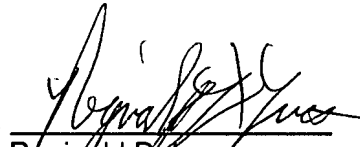
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